

# Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

January 2011

## UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended January 15, 2011, there were 517,400 persons employed in Saskatchewan during January 2011, a decrease of 3,000 from December 2010 but 7,400 more than the number employed in January 2010.

Agricultural employment was 37,500 persons in January 2011, up 1,300 from the December 2010 level but 1,800 less than the January 2010 agricultural employment level of 39,300. Non-agricultural employment was 479,900 persons in January 2011. This is a decrease of 4,300 from the December 2010 non-agriculture employment level of 484,200 but 9,200 more than January 2010.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for January 2011 was 5.6 percent. This is an increase of 0.7 percentage points from the December 2010 rate of 4.9 percent and 0.6 percentage points higher than the January 2010 level of 5.0 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 600 to 548,200 persons in January 2011 from 547,600 persons in December 2010. This is 11,100 more than the January 2010 labour force of 537,100 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.1 percentage points to 68.9 percent in January 2011 from 68.8 percent in December 2010. The January 2010 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 68.4 percent.

There were 30,700 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during January 2011. This is an increase of 3,600 from December 2010 and is also 3,600 more than the number unemployed in January 2010.

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 526,500 persons employed in Saskatchewan in January 2011, up 2,400 from the December 2010 level of 524,100 and is up 6,200 from the January 2010 employment level of 520,300 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for January 2011 was 5.4 percent. This is a decrease of 0.1 percentage points from the December 2010 rate of 5.5 percent but 0.7 percentage points higher than the January 2010 rate of 4.7 percent.

## CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 210,200 persons in January 2011 to 16,877,000 persons from 17,087,200 persons in December 2010. In January 2010, there were 16,541,100 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 1.1 percentage points to 8.1 percent from the December 2010 level of 7.0 percent. In January 2010, Canada's unemployment rate was 8.7 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.8 percent in January 2011. This is 0.2 percentage points higher than December 2010 but 0.5 percentage points lower than the January 2010 level of 8.3 percent.

For more details, contact the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics at (306) 787-6327 or visit [www.stats.gov.sk.ca](http://www.stats.gov.sk.ca)

TABLE 1

**SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES**

	<b>January 2011</b>	<b>December 2010</b>	<b>January 2010</b>	<b>Change from Last Month</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
<b><u>CANADA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	18,367.9	18,377.8	18,120.5	-9.9	247.4
Employed ('000)	16,877.0	17,087.2	16,541.1	-210.2	335.9
Full-Time ('000)	13,426.2	13,645.2	13,184.4	-219.0	241.8
Part-Time ('000)	3,450.8	3,442.0	3,356.8	8.8	94.0
Unemployed ('000)	1,490.9	1,290.6	1,579.4	200.3	-88.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.1	7.0	8.7	1.1	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	7.8	7.6	8.3	0.2	-0.5
Participation Rate (%)	66.0	66.1	65.9	-0.1	0.1
<b><u>SASKATCHEWAN</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	548.2	547.6	537.1	0.6	11.1
Employed ('000)	517.4	520.4	510.0	-3.0	7.4
Full-Time ('000)	418.6	422.6	413.4	-4.0	5.2
Part-Time ('000)	98.8	97.8	96.6	1.0	2.2
Unemployed ('000)	30.7	27.1	27.1	3.6	3.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.6	4.9	5.0	0.7	0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.4	5.5	4.7	-0.1	0.7
Participation Rate (%)	68.9	68.8	68.4	0.1	0.5
<b><u>ALBERTA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,163.9	2,140.3	2,131.0	23.6	32.9
Employed ('000)	2,031.0	2,031.0	1,985.5	0.0	45.5
Full-Time ('000)	1,640.3	1,657.4	1,617.8	-17.1	22.5
Part-Time ('000)	390.7	373.6	367.8	17.1	22.9
Unemployed ('000)	132.9	109.3	145.5	23.6	-12.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.1	5.1	6.8	1.0	-0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.9	5.5	6.6	0.4	-0.7
Participation Rate (%)	72.5	71.8	72.5	0.7	0.0
<b><u>MANITOBA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	647.4	648.2	639.8	-0.8	7.6
Employed ('000)	613.6	616.6	602.9	-3.0	10.7
Full-Time ('000)	487.1	491.1	473.3	-4.0	13.8
Part-Time ('000)	126.5	125.5	129.6	1.0	-3.1
Unemployed ('000)	33.9	31.6	37.0	2.3	-3.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.2	4.9	5.8	0.3	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.0	5.2	5.5	-0.2	-0.5
Participation Rate (%)	68.3	68.4	68.4	-0.1	-0.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	<b><u>January 2011</u></b>	<b><u>December 2010</u></b>	<b><u>January 2010</u></b>	<b><u>Change from Last Month</u></b>	<b><u>Last Year</u></b>
<b><u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u></b>	548.2	547.6	537.1	0.6	11.1
Male	291.9	292.9	287.2	-1.0	4.7
Female	256.3	254.7	249.9	1.6	6.4
15-24 Years of Age	86.8	88.1	88.6	-1.3	-1.8
25+ Years of age	461.3	459.4	448.5	1.9	12.8
<b><u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	517.4	520.4	510.0	-3.0	7.4
Male	274.1	275.7	269.4	-1.6	4.7
Female	243.3	244.7	240.6	-1.4	2.7
15-24 Years of Age	77.6	80.2	80.8	-2.6	-3.2
25+ Years of age	439.8	440.2	429.2	-0.4	10.6
<b><u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	30.7	27.1	27.1	3.6	3.6
Male	17.7	17.2	17.8	0.5	-0.1
Female	13.0	9.9	9.3	3.1	3.7
15-24 Years of Age	9.3	7.9	7.9	1.4	1.4
25+ Years of age	21.5	19.3	19.2	2.2	2.3
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>	5.6	4.9	5.0	0.7	0.6
Male	6.1	5.9	6.2	0.2	-0.1
Female	5.1	3.9	3.7	1.2	1.4
15-24 Years of Age	10.7	9.0	8.9	1.7	1.8
25+ Years of age	4.7	4.2	4.3	0.5	0.4
<b><u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u></b>	68.9	68.8	68.4	0.1	0.5
Male	74.0	74.4	73.9	-0.4	0.1
Female	63.8	63.5	62.9	0.3	0.9
15-24 Years of Age	63.1	64.0	64.1	-0.9	-1.0
25+ Years of age	70.1	69.8	69.3	0.3	0.8

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

**SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE**

	<b><u>January 2011</u></b>	<b><u>December 2010</u></b>	<b><u>January 2010</u></b>	<b><u>Change from Last Month</u></b>	<b><u>Last Year</u></b>
<b><u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u></b>					
Agriculture	37.5	36.2	39.3	1.3	-1.8
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	25.5	24.0	26.9	1.5	-1.4
Utilities	5.3	6.1	5.0	-0.8	0.3
Construction	37.9	38.1	36.8	-0.2	1.1
Manufacturing	26.7	29.0	27.5	-2.3	-0.8
Trade	81.3	83.1	76.9	-1.8	4.4
Transportation and Warehousing	26.6	27.0	25.3	-0.4	1.3
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	30.8	30.2	30.4	0.6	0.4
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	21.6	20.6	22.0	1.0	-0.4
Business, Building and Other Support Services	10.6	10.0	12.0	0.6	-1.4
Educational Services	41.4	41.1	43.3	0.3	-1.9
Health Care and Social Assistance	67.5	66.4	67.5	1.1	0.0
Information, Culture and Recreation	20.8	20.6	16.4	0.2	4.4
Accommodation and Food Services	29.5	32.3	30.1	-2.8	-0.6
Other Services	26.0	27.4	22.6	-1.4	3.4
Public Administration	28.6	28.4	28.0	0.2	0.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>517.4</b>	<b>520.4</b>	<b>510.0</b>	<b>-3.0</b>	<b>7.4</b>
<b><u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u></b>					
Full-Time	418.6	422.6	413.4	-4.0	5.2
Part-Time	98.8	97.8	96.6	1.0	2.2
<b><u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u></b>					
Employees	421.5	427.3	410.2	-5.8	11.3
Public Sector	134.5	134.6	133.3	-0.1	1.2
Private Sector	287.0	292.7	276.9	-5.7	10.1
Self-Employed	95.9	93.1	99.7	2.8	-3.8

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

**CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	<b>January 2011</b>	<b>December 2010</b>	<b>January 2010</b>	<b>Change from Last Month</b>	<b>Change from Last Year</b>
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Canada	16,877.0	17,087.2	16,541.1	-210.2	335.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	212.6	217.1	200.6	-4.5	12.0
Prince Edward Island	65.6	66.9	66.0	-1.3	-0.4
Nova Scotia	440.2	446.3	432.9	-6.1	7.3
New Brunswick	337.7	347.9	343.0	-10.2	-5.3
Quebec	3,849.5	3,927.3	3,762.2	-77.8	87.3
Ontario	6,593.0	6,660.6	6,434.8	-67.6	158.2
Manitoba	613.6	616.6	602.9	-3.0	10.7
Saskatchewan	517.4	520.4	510.0	-3.0	7.4
Alberta	2,031.0	2,031.0	1,985.5	0.0	45.5
British Columbia	2,216.4	2,253.0	2,203.3	-36.6	13.1

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)**

Canada	8.1	7.0	8.7	1.1	-0.6
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.0	13.8	17.4	0.2	-3.4
Prince Edward Island	14.4	13.3	12.7	1.1	1.7
Nova Scotia	10.3	9.8	10.7	0.5	-0.4
New Brunswick	10.2	9.0	10.4	1.2	-0.2
Quebec	8.7	7.2	8.9	1.5	-0.2
Ontario	8.1	7.2	9.2	0.9	-1.1
Manitoba	5.2	4.9	5.8	0.3	-0.6
Saskatchewan	5.6	4.9	5.0	0.7	0.6
Alberta	6.1	5.1	6.8	1.0	-0.7
British Columbia	8.7	7.1	8.6	1.6	0.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

**CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	January <u>2011</u>	December <u>2010</u>	January <u>2010</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Canada	17,214.5	17,145.3	16,887.2	69.2	327.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	227.8	222.9	215.7	4.9	12.1
Prince Edward Island	70.6	69.9	71.1	0.7	-0.5
Nova Scotia	453.8	447.6	447.9	6.2	5.9
New Brunswick	353.1	354.1	357.7	-1.0	-4.6
Quebec	3,956.8	3,953.7	3,868.4	3.1	88.4
Ontario	6,695.9	6,659.6	6,545.1	36.3	150.8
Manitoba	624.6	620.5	614.6	4.1	10.0
Saskatchewan	526.5	524.1	520.3	2.4	6.2
Alberta	2,053.8	2,032.2	2,010.1	21.6	43.7
British Columbia	2,251.6	2,260.7	2,236.3	-9.1	15.3

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)**

Canada	7.8	7.6	8.3	0.2	-0.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.4	14.0	14.9	-1.6	-2.5
Prince Edward Island	11.3	11.8	9.9	-0.5	1.4
Nova Scotia	9.5	10.4	9.7	-0.9	-0.2
New Brunswick	9.1	9.4	9.1	-0.3	0.0
Quebec	7.9	7.5	8.1	0.4	-0.2
Ontario	8.1	8.1	9.1	0.0	-1.0
Manitoba	5.0	5.2	5.5	-0.2	-0.5
Saskatchewan	5.4	5.5	4.7	-0.1	0.7
Alberta	5.9	5.5	6.6	0.4	-0.7
British Columbia	8.2	7.6	8.1	0.6	0.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 6

**SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS****(3 Month Moving Average)**

	<b><u>January</u></b> <b><u>2011</u></b>	<b><u>December</u></b> <b><u>2010</u></b>	<b><u>January</u></b> <b><u>2010</u></b>	<b><u>Change from</u></b> <b><u>Last Month</u></b>	<b><u>Last Year</u></b>
<b>CANADIAN CITIES</b>					
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
St. John's	6.5	6.3	8.0	0.2	-1.5
Halifax	6.3	6.2	6.1	0.1	0.2
Saint John	5.7	5.3	7.9	0.4	-2.2
Quebec	5.0	4.5	4.5	0.5	0.5
Montreal	8.2	8.0	9.0	0.2	-0.8
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.1	5.9	5.9	0.2	0.2
Greater Sudbury	7.5	7.8	10.3	-0.3	-2.8
Toronto	7.6	7.6	8.8	0.0	-1.2
Winnipeg	5.1	5.0	5.4	0.1	-0.3
Regina	4.0	4.2	4.4	-0.2	-0.4
Saskatoon	5.1	5.1	4.4	0.0	0.7
Calgary	5.9	5.8	7.2	0.1	-1.3
Edmonton	5.5	5.3	6.7	0.2	-1.2
Vancouver	7.0	6.7	7.6	0.3	-0.6
Victoria	6.3	5.9	7.6	0.4	-1.3
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>					
<b>ECONOMIC REGIONS</b>					
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	162.2	164.1	154.0	-1.9	8.2
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	50.4	50.6	50.5	-0.2	-0.1
Saskatoon-Biggar	172.0	171.2	176.5	0.8	-4.5
Yorkton-Melville	38.2	38.4	39.5	-0.2	-1.3
Prince Albert & Northern	98.0	98.2	95.5	-0.2	2.5

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)



TABLE 7

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY  
FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER**

(3 Month Moving Average)

	January 2011	December 2010	January 2010	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
<b><u>TOTAL POPULATION</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	548.4	549.2	537.5	-0.8	10.9
Employed ('000)	519.9	521.5	511.5	-1.6	8.4
Unemployed ('000)	28.5	27.6	26.0	0.9	2.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.2	5.0	4.8	0.2	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	68.9	69.1	68.5	-0.2	0.4
Employment Rate (%)	65.4	65.6	65.2	-0.2	0.2
<b><u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	506.8	506.5	498.9	0.3	7.9
Employed ('000)	485.5	485.9	478.5	-0.4	7.0
Unemployed ('000)	21.3	20.6	20.4	0.7	0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.2	4.1	4.1	0.1	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	69.8	69.8	69.6	0.0	0.2
Employment Rate (%)	66.8	66.9	66.7	-0.1	0.1
<b><u>ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	41.6	42.6	38.6	-1.0	3.0
Employed ('000)	34.4	35.6	33.0	-1.2	1.4
Unemployed ('000)	7.2	7.0	5.6	0.2	1.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	17.3	16.5	14.6	0.8	2.7
Participation Rate (%)	60.4	61.9	57.1	-1.5	3.3
Employment Rate (%)	49.9	51.7	48.7	-1.8	1.2
<b><u>NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	16.1	16.6	14.0	-0.5	2.1
Employed ('000)	12.3	12.7	11.7	-0.4	0.6
Unemployed ('000)	3.7	3.9	2.3	-0.2	1.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	23.2	23.8	16.4	-0.6	6.8
Participation Rate (%)	53.2	55.1	47.1	-1.9	6.1
Employment Rate (%)	40.9	42.0	39.4	-1.1	1.5
<b><u>METIS</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	25.5	26.0	24.5	-0.5	1.0
Employed ('000)	22.0	22.9	21.2	-0.9	0.8
Unemployed ('000)	3.5	3.1	3.3	0.4	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.7	11.8	13.6	1.9	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	65.9	67.2	64.8	-1.3	1.1
Employment Rate (%)	56.9	59.3	56.0	-2.4	0.9

## Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpreting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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